

REMARKS

Claims 1-8

Claim 1 is an independent claim, from which claims 2-8 ultimately depend. Claim 3 was objected to as containing allowable subject matter, and would be allowed if rewritten to include the limitations of any intervening claims and its base claim. Claim 3 depended from claim 1. The limitations of claim 3 have been incorporated into claim 1, and claim 3 has been cancelled. Claims 4-6 have been amended to depend from claim 1 instead of from claim 3. Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 1-2 and 4-8 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 9-17

Claim 9 is an independent claim, from which claims 10-17 ultimately depend. Claim 13 was objected to as containing allowable subject matter, and would be allowed if rewritten to include the limitations of any intervening claims and its base claim. Claim 13 depended from claim 9. The limitations of claim 13 have been incorporated into claim 9, and claim 13 has been cancelled. Claims 14-17 have been amended to depend from claim 9 instead of from claim 13. Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 9-12 and 14-17 are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the pending claims in condition for allowance, and request that they so be allowed. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Randy Tung, Applicant's Attorney, at 248-540-4040, so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as

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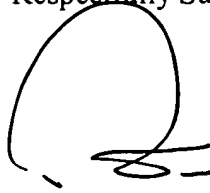
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possible. For these reasons, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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